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SUBJECT: SAG CONCERN ABOUT SECURITY OF ITS OFFICES IN THE
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EMBASSY CAN ASSURE SAG THAT CHIEF OF PROTOCOL SONBOL'S
COMMENTS ON SECURITY OF SAUDI MISSIONS IN US HAVE RECEIVED
SERIOUS HIGH-LEVEL CONSIDERATION IN DEPARTMENT. SECURITY
OF SAUDI MISSIONS HAS RECEIVED CONSTANT DEPT ATTENTION OVER
RECENT MONTHS AND HAS BEEN REVIEWED THOROUGHLY IN DIS-
CUSSIONS BETWEEN AMBASSADOR ALIREZA AND HIS STAFF AND
DEPARTMENT AND EXECUTIVE PROTECTIVE SERVICE OFFICIALS (STATE
REFTEL). BASIC CONCEPT OF PROVIDING PROTECTION IN US IS
AS DCM HORAN EFFECTIVELY DESCRIBED TO SONBOL. EMBASSY
CAN ASSURE SAG THAT US AGENCIES RESPONSIBLE FOR PROTECTION
OF FOREIGN DIPLOMATS REMAIN ALERT TO SECURITY OF SAUDI
OFFICES IN US. SAUDI EMBASSY IS NORMALLY UNDER SPECIAL
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ROVING PATROL PROTECTION OF EPS, WHICH WE REGARD AS MOST
EFFECTIVE SECURITY METHOD, AND SAUDI EMBASSY IS AWARE THAT
EPS STANDS READY TO REINFORCE, AT ITS OWN INITIATIVE, THIS
PROTECTION WITH FIXED STATION GUARDS WHENEVER POTENTIAL
THREATS APPEAR TO WARRANT. DEPT AND EPS WELCOME ONGOING
CONSULTATION WITH SAUDI EMBASSY ON SECURITY SITUATION OF

SAUDI OFFICES AND STAND READY TO ADVISE SAUDI EMBASSY ON
WHAT ADDITIONAL MEASURES IT MIGHT ITSELF TAKE TO IMPROVE
ITS SECURITY.
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